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SUBJ: NEW MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH NAMED

1. IN NOVEMBER 16 NCNA REPORT ON RECEPTION OF A HEALTH DELEGATION FROM KUWAIT, CHANG I-CHEN IS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS PRC MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. CHIANG SUCCEEDS LIU HSIANG-PING, PURGED LAST YEAR FROM HER CONNECTIONS WITH THE GANG OF FOUR. CHIANG WAS JOINED AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET FOR THE KUWAITI DELEGATION BY VICE MINISTER CHIEN HSIN-CHUNG, PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED TO DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS AS "ACTING" MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

2. PEOPLE'S DAILY OFFICIALS SPECIFICALLY CALLED APPOINTMENT TO ATTENTION OF AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF, LAUDING CHIANG AS "AN OLD RED ARMY MAN".

3. AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AFFIRMS THAT CHIANG'S REVOLUTIONARY PEDIGREE AND PAST ASSOCIATIONS RE EXCELLENT IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE. CHIANG SERVED IN THE KIANGSI SOVIET RED ARMY MEDICAL SCHOOL, WORKED UNDER NORMAN BETHUNE, PARTICIPATED IN THE LONG MARCH, AND HELD A SERIES OF POSITIONS IN FUKIEN IN THE 1950S AND EARLY 1960S. IN 1962 HE WAS NAMED VICE MINISTER OF STATE FARMS AND LAND

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RECLAMATION AND IN 1964 HE WAS APPOINTED VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. HE FELL IN DECEMBER 1967 AS A "THREE-ANTI ELEMENT".

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON CHIANG'S WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES 1967-77.
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